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**CHILD PROTECTION (OFFENDER REPORTING AND OFFENDER PROHIBITION ORDER) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr WEIR** (Condamine—LNP) (12.09 pm): I rise to support the motion moved by the member for Glass House. We have spent the last two days talking about committee business and the estimates process. It is not perfect, but it is due process. After lunchtime today we will go into debate of committee reports, and that is where these amendments should go.

I was not down on the list to speak on this bill, but I did not know there would be natural resources amendments in a child safety bill. It defies belief. One would think it must be something so time critical that it must be brought in, but the Coordinator-General put the terms in in 2014. The amendments circulated are going to take 10 years to fully implement. Yesterday Minister Stewart stood in this House and introduced a bill under his name. Why are the natural resources amendments not in that bill? Why did it have to be tagged into this bill? It defies belief.

We have fought hard for the committee process over the years. It has been discussed many times. It is not perfect, but there are so many questions around this Glencore-QCoal agreement. We do not know who is going to own these houses. We do not know who is going to maintain them. There are a lot of asbestos issues. This is not time critical. This should be set aside. This needs to go through the committee process or it should be pulled out in its entirety and introduced under a separate title.

The member for Clayfield has addressed the legal aspects of the bill. I do not pretend to be an expert on the law. As I said, I had no interest in this bill until I found out about this. It is an absolute disgrace. I would encourage everybody to support the member for Glass House's amendment to the motion. I know how passionately some of these people have fought for the Human Rights Act, which is being trampled today. Nobody can stand up and justify this. I would urge members to support the member for Glass House's amendment. I look forward to some serious debate on this bill.